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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Serial No.: 09/470,697 Examiner: P. Bianco  
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Title: Apparatus and Methods for Entering Cavities of the Body

**AMENDMENT D**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed September 21, 2004.

An automatic two-month extension of time to respond, up to and including February 21, 2005, is respectfully requested. The requisite fee accompanies this Amendment.

Please amend the application as follows: